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TAGS: PINT CH
SUBJECT: CRACKDOWN ON PEKING POSTERS

REF: PEKING 994 PEKING 1045

1. APPARENTLY AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE PEKING AUTHORITIES, MANY--PERHAPS TWO-THIRDS--OF THE PUBLIC POSTERS IN PEKING WERE TORN DOWN AFTER MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT. ALL PROVINCIAL POSTERS WERE TAKEN DOWN AND OTHERS THAT REMAIN ARE INNOCUOUS AND OLD.

2. POSTERS TORN DOWN INCLUDED ONE PUT UP YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FROM HEILUNGKIANG CRITICIZING CENTRAL COMMITTEE ALTERNATE MEMBER AND HEILUNGKIANG PARTY SECOND SECRETARY LIU KUANG-T'AO. ANOTHER NAME, PROBABLY THAT OF FIRST SECRETARY WANG CHIA-T'AO, HAD BEEN MARKED OUT THROUGHOUT THE POSTER. (SEE REFTELS FOR POSTER CRITICISMS OF LIU AND WANG IN HARBIN.) WE HAVE HEARD THAT ANOTHER POSTER WAS TAKEN DOWN YESTERDAY MORNING AFTER BEING UP ONLY A SHORT TIME AND A NEW POSTER NEAR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TELLING
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OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF A SIAN FACTORY WORKER WAS ALSO

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QUICKLY REMOVED.

3. ONE PARTICULARLY PROLIFIC POSTER WRITER COMPLAINED THIS MORNING IN BLACK PAINT SCRAWLED DIRECTLY ON THE WALL IN HALF A DOZEN PLACES THAT FOURTEEN PAGES OF POSTERS HE HAD WRITTEN HAD BEEN REMOVED. HE ALSO BLAMED A "SMALL GROUP OF CAPITALIST ROADERS" IN THE PEKING COMMITTEE OF STIRRING UP WORKERS IN HIS FACTORY TO CARRY OUT ILLEGAL REPRISALS AGAINST FOR THE POSTERS.

4. COMMENT: AUTHORITIES IN PEKING MAY HAVE DECIDED THAT EVEN THEIR TOKEN CONCESSION TO "MASS DEMOCRACY" IN FULL VIEW OF THE FOREIGN PRESS HAD GOTTEN OUT OF HAND. THEY PRESUMABLY HAVE THE CENTER'S APPROVAL OPENLY TO SUPPRESS IT, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT MOMENT.
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